

***Exhibit 8 to Testimony of Blair Wade***  
***SCDNR Species Effects Correspondence***

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Thank you Tom and Lorianne! We shared the SCDNR solar habitat guide with Silicon Ranch Corporation a few months ago and they are considering implementing at least portions of the recommendations. It's a great resource for solar projects in the state! I'll let them know about the upcoming deadline.

Thanks,

Blair

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